

**CITY OF KINGMAN
CLEAN CITY COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
310 N. 4th Street
Kingman, Arizona**

5:00 p.m.

Regular Minutes

Thursday, March 19, 2015

| Members: | Officers: | Visitors Signing In: |
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| R. Bowman, Chairperson | S. Yocum, Council Liaison | See Attached List |
| D. Wolf, Vice-Chair | S. Shaffer, Planner | |
| J. Carpenter | S. Sixkiller-Wing, Recording Secretary | |
| R. Giesbrecht | | |
| M. Hicks | | |
| C. Russell | | |
| M. Van Hasselt | | |

CCC PURPOSE STATEMENT

The Clean City Commission was created for the purpose of assisting the common council in establishing a city-wide policy for decreasing the amount of loose refuse in the city.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Chairman Bowman called the meeting to order at 5:01:10 P.M. Seven members were present and none were absent. A quorum of members was achieved.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Clean City Commission reviewed the February 19, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Russell made a motion to APPROVE the February 19, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Giesbrecht SECONDED and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 7-0.

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Discussion of Reusable Bags to Promote Recycling in Kingman.**

Planner Sylvia Shaffer updated the Clean City Commission (CCC) on the status of the letters sent to the grocery stores requesting reusable bags to promote recycling in the community. As of this date the CCC has not received any responses to the letters sent. Commissioner Giesbrecht updated the CCC stating he had spoken with Abdul who is the manager at Smith's. He indicated that the manager was currently waiting on the Smith's for approval to participate in the promotion. Commissioner Hicks advised the CCC she had spoken with Jimmy Van, the manager at the north Safeway. He indicated that they would be participating in the promotion. Ms. Shaffer asked the CCC if they would like to start scheduling the promotion or if the CCC would like to wait for all the participants to respond. The CCC discussed both options and agreed to wait until all participants have responded. Chairman Bowman requested this item stay on the agenda for further discussion. Ms. Shaffer advised the CCC that she had updated the retailer list including plastic bag collection, discounts offered and cost of reusable bags. This information is in the meeting packet.

Commissioner Giesbrecht advised the CCC that the Arizona House is considering a bill, SB1241, which would not allow cities and towns to pass regulations eliminating plastic bags in their communities. Recording secretary asked if they were discussing Item 2b. The commissioners were advised to return to discussion Item 2a.

Chairman Bowman asked Ms. Shaffer if she had responses from the merchants of how many bags that are distributed in the community. Commissioner Hicks advised the CCC that Walmart purchases one pallet of plastic bags per week. Each pallet holds 100 boxes and each box contains 1000 plastic bags. Walmart has had to order an additional eight boxes on the first of the month because they have run out of plastic bags for distribution. They also order two other bag sizes in the store. They have the small bags for cards and larger bags of electronics. The store orders 50 boxes of the small bags a month and each box contains 50 bags. They also order 100 boxes of larger bags a month and each box contains 50 bags. All of the bags that are distributed by Walmart are plastic. Commissioner Hicks indicated she received the bag information from Ramona in the business office.

Chairman Bowman advised the commission of an article he had seen in the morning newspaper that discussed the plastic bags and how they break down. The CCC agreed that they needed to keep pursuing the ban on plastic bags. Vice Chairman Wolf asked when the CCC would be scheduling the public hearings the single-use on plastic bag ban. Chairman Bowman indicated they should wait until Staff Liaison Rich Ruggles to return to set the public hearings he asked that the item be included on the April agenda. Chairman Bowman also indicated that would give the State of Arizona time to make a decision on their legislation.

Chairman Bowman asked that the CCC he would like to keep the reusable bag promotion on the agenda. The CCC members will continue to gather information from the grocery stores and further discuss this item next month.

b. Review of Information on Single-Use Plastic Bag Bans.

Planner Sylvia Shaffer updated the Clean City Commission (CCC) on the survey information collected in the Flagstaff area. She advised the CCC that 1500 participants were contacted for the survey and only 437 responded to the survey. Ms. Shaffer also indicated that Flagstaff continues to discuss this item. She also agreed with the CCC discussion on the SB 1241 where the State House has voted to not allow cities and counties to ban plastic bags. Everyone is watching what is happening at the state level. Ms. Shaffer also included all the articles and information for the CCC to review.

Commissioner Giesbrecht asked about the articles. Ms. Shaffer included the articles from the Kingman Daily Miner, the Arizona Daily Sun, and AzFamily.com. Ms. Shaffer also included the proposed House of Representatives amendments to SB 1241. Chairman Bowman asked when these articles were printed. Mrs. Shaffer advised the commission they were all collected in the last few days. The CCC reviewed all the articles. Commissioner Giesbrecht indicated the Clean City Commission needed to continue to implement a ban on plastic bags. He also indicated he heard they are trying to repeal the plastic bag ban in California. Council Liaison Stuart Yocum indicated he “strongly agreed with Commissioner Giesbrecht”.

The CCC agreed they needed to fight this. Chairman Bowman asked Council Liaison Yocum to

take this information to The Kingman City Council. He also indicated he would go to City Manager Dougherty to discuss this item. The CCC discussed writing a letters opposing SB1241 and recommending the Kingman City Council also write a letter. Members also discussed contacting local state representatives to let them know they disagree with the ban on banning plastic bags. Members agreed the state legislature should not tell cities they can't ban bags in their communities.

Vice Chairman Wolf made a MOTION to draft a letter opposing SB 1241 and send it to Kingman City Council for approval. Commissioner Giesbrecht SECONDED and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 7-0.

The CCC discussed sending letters independently and contacting the local representatives about the matter. The commission discussed how Senate's decision would affect Kingman and other cities who would like to ban plastic bags. The CCC thanked Mrs. Shaffer for her research.

c. Update on Publicity Campaign to Promote Weed Control and Discussion of Easement Maintenance.

Mrs. Shaffer advised the Clean City Commission (CCC) the notifications have been posted on the City of Kingman website, Channel 4 and newsletter emails have been sent promoting this campaign. The Public Service Announcement (PSA) has also been posted to the Kingman Daily Miner, The Standard and the local radio stations. Mrs. Shaffer also clarified for the CCC the definition of an easement "is simply a right to use and/or enter a property granted to others that do not own the property. "The underlying property owner is responsible for the maintenance of any weeds in those areas."

Chairman Bowman received a call from a resident whose neighbor pulled all his tumble weeds from his yard and put them into the middle of the street. They called code enforcement to assist in the matter and because the officer didn't see him put them in the street no action could be taken. The property owner of the tumble weeds did remove them from the street but because the current code does not allow code enforcement to enforce this type of violation. The code enforcement officer contacted the Sanitation Department and they removed them up the next day. The current code does not permit prosecution for residents who discard tumble weeds in this manner.

The CCC discussed the notification pathways and asked Mrs. Shaffer to also send the PSA to the Home Town Crier. The CCC discussed code violations and fire hazards in the community. They also discussed the complaint forms and reporting problems they see in the community. The CCC discussed educating the community when they are promoting reusable bags in front of the grocery stores in the future. They also discussed removal of the weeds by mowing vs removal and the dust created when the weeds are completely removed.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up.

Ms. Shaffer advised the Clean City Commission the Adopt-a- Highway Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2015. Chairman Bowman advised the Clean City Commission that it takes around two hours to clean up this area. He also advised commissioners that Staff Liaison Rich Ruggles will be bringing the grabbers, vests and bags for the litter removal. The

commission discussed who owned the properties they clean up and the weed height and the possibility of critters that could be present. Commissioners discussed who would be attending and changed the start time to 7:30 am on April 11, 2015.

b. Airway Avenue Clean-up.

Ms. Shaffer advised the Clean City Commission that the letters have been sent to Smith's and Wal-Mart requesting assistance to keep the Airway area free trash. She advised the commission to not schedule the Airway event on April 11, 2015 or the April 25, 2015 due to other commitments the Clean City Commission has. The Clean City Commission discussed this item and agreed to wait to schedule a date until they heard back from the stores they have contacted. Commissioner Hicks advised the CCC that Wal-Mart is currently in the process of hiring a new store manager. Commission members discussed volunteering to clean the area up. They also discussed placed trash cans in the parking lot at the stores to collect the trash. The commissioners agreed to continue working on this item and would like it included on the next agenda.

c. Community Clean-up Discussion.

Planner Sylvia Shaffer updated the Clean City Commission (CCC) on the discussion regarding the last clean up and the cleanup scheduled for May 9, 2015. She also advised the CCC that City Manager John Dougherty has requested to be added to next month's agenda to discuss a clean up on the south side. The CCC discussed the calls received by the sanitation and the planning department after the last cleanup.

Chairman Bowman said the biggest problem the CCC had with the last cleanup was the prisoners were over three hours late in arriving which completely stopped production at the cleanup site. Commission members agreed that without this help they were unable to begin unloading the vehicles. Commission members agreed they needed to have a backup plan in place for these events when our help does not arrive in time. Chairman Bowman advised the CCC he had spoken to six different people before the paper work was processed and the volunteers were approved to go to the cleanup. When they arrived only five prisoners were approved for the event. The guard/supervisor advised Chairman Bowman that everything was ready and in place for the event except the paper work authorizing them to leave for the scheduled cleanup. Ms. Shaffer advised the CCC they could possibly contact the Mohave County Adult Probation Department for possible assistance. The guard for the prisoners gave Chairman Bowman two names to contact at prison, Mr. Sterns and Mr. Santiago, who could possibly assist the CCC in the future by solving any scheduling problems when the prisoner's participation is needed.

Commissioner Hicks said another problem were the many trailers that continue to come to the event without the trash being bagged. Chairman Bowman added that one trailer took over 45 minutes to unload because the refuse was not bagged. Commission members discussed stopping the trailers who did not bag and tie their trash and giving them pass to the dump. They agreed that participants who want to participate must bag and tie all trash.

Commissioner Giesbrecht said another problem is participants are bringing trailers to the event that are bigger than the CCC allows but they do not fill the extra feet 2-4 feet so they do not get turned away. He has been allowing them to participate but wanted to verify with the CCC that is ok to accept them this way and would like to know if he should continue to let them through.

Members agreed it was ok. The CCC also discussed trailers that met the length limit but were piled so high that they were over 8 feet high at times.

The CCC also was advised that Mohave County is now offering a \$500.00 reward to anyone who reports illegal dumping and it results in the apprehension of the dumper. The CCC would like to talk about this in the future.

The CCC discussed the trailers and if they should put a limit on how high they are packed. They also discussed participants using the vouchers at the dump who are being asked to pay for additional fees for extra tires that CCC would have taken for free. The CCC also discussed requiring names, addresses, and license plate numbers for passes to make sure participants actually go to the dump to discard their load. This would be to ensure these loads are not being taken to the desert because they don't have enough gas money to make it.

Vice-Chairman Wolf said people arriving early for the cleanup and waiting with full loads of trash that is not bagged or trailers too long and piled too high may become upset when commission members pull them out of line and give them a pass to go to the dump. These participants have already waited an hour or more to participate in the cleanup and may have to wait again at the dump. Chairman Bowman also advised the CCC that on March 14, 2015 the dump also had a wait line for participants with passes.

The CCC also discussed the turnaround time once a container was full. It took Bulldog Disposal 1 hour and 45 minutes to return to the fairgrounds with the empty container and by that time the other containers were full. The cleanup was almost shutdown several times because of the wait times. In the future additional containers would be helpful.

The Clean City Commission also discussed the express line and would like to clarify with the Sanitation Department what items could be put in the compacters on the trash trucks. Participants were getting upset when smaller loads using the express line were getting ahead of them. At one point a participant unhooked his trailer and dumped his load in front of the container and left the loose trash in front of the container. The bobcat operator was working the compacter truck and had to put a hold on that drop off location to go clear the area in front of the container. The commissioner agreed these types of vehicles should be sent to the dump in the future.

Members discussed requesting additional volunteer prisoners. They would like to request eight volunteers at each clean up. They also discussed additional trash containers from Bulldog Disposal. If they had additional container and volunteers they could keep moving lines moving for participants to unload the vehicles.

Chairman Bowman said the prisoners stayed until everything was cleaned up. When everyone was done that day the area was clean.

The Clean City Commission discussed the trailer length and height and will continue to publish a 12' length limit and add a 4' height limit in the advertising. Any trailer that does not have the trash bagged and tied will be given a pass to the dump.

When people go to the dump they have to unload their own loads. Several ladies came to the event but could not back their trailer up to the container. It took many attempts and finally pulled parallel to the container slowing up the volunteers unloading them. Chairman Bowman advised the commissioners the volunteers cannot assist participants with their vehicles due to liability issues.

Commissioner Hicks said the ERACE Program had a cleanup event at the Neal Butler Park a few weeks ago and did not see any advertising for the event. She also indicated that they do not seem to get the turn out the CCC does. The CCC would like to see them advertise their clean up events more in the community.

A member of the public addressed the commission. Diane Giesbrecht suggested to the CCC while people are in line, they should pass out the rules regulations of the event to each vehicle. The customer may agree to take a landfill pass or leave and bring the load back when it complies with the rules.

The CCC discussed the turnout for the cleanups and asked why the citizens of Kingman do not use the City of Kingman Sanitation Services extra trash pickups. The current rate for trash service is \$20.00 a month and they also offer \$3.00 pickups twice a year. The sanitation department also offers curbside pickup for an additional fee each week.

The CCC discussed participants who took passes to the dump and returned to the cleanup stating the dump is requiring an additional fee for tires over four tires limit. They were also advised the dump does not accept debit cards and participants must pay cash to discard additional items. Commissioner Hicks said they could put a handout together of the rules for the dump. Vice-Chairman Wolf recommended negotiating with the dump any addition fees that participants could accrue and would like to see the visit be free with the Clean City Commission pass.

Chairman Bowman asked Ms. Shaffer to investigate an alternative plan in case this happens again. The commission agreed they need a minimum of eight volunteer prisoners to man the event. Chairman Bowman will make an appointment with Staff Liaison Rich Ruggles to address the problems at the event and make future plans to resolve the current issues.

A member of the public addresses the commission. Steven Jones asked why the CCC has the 12' trailer restriction in place. Chairman Bowman explained to Mr. Jones the CCC could not handle the 30' trailers and the time it takes to unload the trailers when participants are waiting 2 plus hours to off load the trailers. They discussed participants unloading themselves and mixing hazmat tires metals in the dumpsters.

Chairman Bowman asked that this item be included on the next agenda for review.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC - COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments were heard.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS Limited to announcements, availability/attendance at conferences and seminars, requests for agenda items for future meetings.

Commissioner Van Hasselt said she appreciated seeing the citizens of the community cleaning the ROW along Adams and the improvement to properties downtown.

Commissioner Giesbrecht announced the first Chillin' on Beale for the season. It is scheduled for April 18, 2015.

Planner Sylvia Shaffer announced that staff is currently researching curbside recycling for the City of Kingman and hopes to have it ready to present to the Clean City Commission on a future agenda.

She also advised the Clean City Commission that on the April agenda a group of citizens will be presenting information to start a community garden in the City of Kingman.

Commissioner Russell announced that the CARE team and Nucor have announced the intent to create a community park on the corner of 3rd Street and Andy Devine next to the Beale Hotel.

Commissioner Hicks would like to clean up across the tracks on the south side.

Commissioner Van Hasselt advised the Clean City Commission that a visitor on a tour bus stopped at the McDonalds by the truck wash. The visitor told her that they do not like to stop in Kingman because it reminds them of a dirty truck stop. She believes that is how visitors see the City of Kingman. The Clean City Commission needs to work on changing the image of our city.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Giesbrecht made a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting. Commissioner Carpenter SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with a vote of 7-0. Meeting Adjourned at 6:33:54 P.M.

APPROVED:

Ralph Bowman
Clean City Commission Chairperson

STATE OF ARIZONA)
COUNTY OF MOHAVE) ss:
CITY OF KINGMAN)

CERTIFICATE OF CLEAN CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

I, Sherie Sixkiller, Recording Secretary of the City of Kingman, Arizona, hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Clean City Commission held on March 19, 2015.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2015

Sherie Sixkiller-Wing, Recording Secretary